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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY SAK SUTSAKHAN'S VISIT TO KUALA LUMPUR

REF: PHNOM PENH 10458

1. SUMMARY: MAJOR GENERAL SAK SUTSAKHAN TOLD ME OCT 8
HE HAD PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER RAZAK AND
MFA SECRETARY-GENERAL ZAITON MORNING OF OCT 8. BOTH
P.M. AND ZAITON WERE IMPRESSED WITH BRIEFING RECEIVED ON
EXPANSIONIST INTENTIONS OF NVN/VC IN CAMBODIA AS WELL AS
DATA SUPPLIED BY GENERAL TO SUPPORT CASE THAT KHMER ROUGE
LACKS INDEPENDENT ROLE AND IS MERE FRONT FOR NVN. ACCORDING

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TO GENERAL, RAZAK PLEDGED CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR

LON NOL GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. KHMER AMBASSADOR NONG KIMNY INVITED ME TO HIS HOUSE OCT 8 TO MEET WITH PRESENTIAL ENVOY SAK SUTSAKHAN. THE GENERAL TOLD ME OF HIS MEETINGS EARLIER IN THE DAY WITH P.M. AND SECAGEN ZAITON, NOTING THAT THESE MEETINGS WERE MUCH "EASIER" THAN HIS CALLS ON THESE PERSONALITIES EARLIER LAST SUMMER. KIMNY INTERJECTED THAT ON EARLIER OCCASION IT WAS EXTRMELY DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH P.M. AND GENERAL ATTITUDE OF MALAYSIANS WAS WOMEWHAT UNRESPONSIVE. ON THIS OCCASIONS BOTH P.M. AND ZAITON ARRANGED MEETINGS IMMEDIATELY AND WERE DEEPLY INTERESTED IN BRIEFINGS THEY RECEIVED.

3. GENERAL SAK SUTSAKHAN SHOWED ME BRIEFING BOOK HE HAD USED, CONTIANING ENGLISH SUMMARY OF CAPTURE DOCUMENTS, INTERVIEWS WITH DEFECTORS, AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE, LEADING TO CONCLUSION THAT NVN/VC ARE IMPLEMENTING TESTAMENT OF HO CHI MIN FOR CONTROL OF ALL INDOCHINA. GENERAL READ ME QUOTES FROM NVN DIRECTIVES TO THEIR FORCES IN CAMBODIA ORDERING THEM TO STAY IN PLACE INDEFINITELY. THRUST OF BRIEFING, SUPPORTED BY INCH-THICK COLLECTION OF DOCUMENTS IN VIETNAMESE, WAS ON EXPANSIONIST POLICY OF NVN/VC AND THEIR CLEAR INTENTION SEIZE CONTROL OF ALL OF INDOCHINA. SOME INTELLIGENCE, ACCORDING TO GENERAL, INDICATED POSSIBILITY THAT NVN MIGHT SEEK TO CREATE FOURTH ENTITY IN INDOCHINA EMBRACING CERTAIN AREAS OF LAOS, SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA EAST OF MEKONG.

4. GENERAL ALSO BRIEFED P.. AND ZAITON ON ATROCITY TACTICS OF NVN/VC IN RECENT MAJOR BATTLE FOR KOMPONG CHAM. GENERAL SAID HIS REPORT OF WHOLESAL MURDER OF HOSPITAL PATIENTS, WOMEN, CHILDREN, MONKS BY NVN/VC FORCES MADE IMPRESSION ON P.M. RAZAK.

5. BOTH GENERAL AND KIMNY WERE PLEASED WITH RAZAK'S REITERATION OF SUPPORT FOR GKR.

6. COMMENT: I SUGGESTED TO GENERAL SAK THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF GKR COULD TRANSMIT TO ASEAN REPRESENTATIVES ON FAIRLY REGULAR BASIS SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE FROM CAPTURED
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DOCUMENTS, DEFECTOR INTERVIEWS,ETC., BEARING ON INTENTIONS AND MOTIVATIONS OF HOSTILE FORCES IN CAMBODIA. MALAYSIANS DID NOT SEEM TO BE ADEQUATELY INFORMED ON THESE MATTERS. IF EMBASSY PHNOM PENH SEES MERIT IN THIS SUGGESTION, SUGGEST FOLLOW-UP.
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